

SCIENTISTS TO MEET IN ANNUAL CONVENTION

American Association Has
Notable Membership.

SESSIONS BEGIN MONDAY

Members All Over the Land to Discuss
Problems and Tell of Ad-
vancement.

At noon tomorrow in the rooms of the Cosmos Club will be held a meeting of the executive committee of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, marking the beginning of what promises to be one of the most notable conventions held in Washington in many years. The convention proper will not open until Monday, but will continue its sessions to and including January 3.

The fame of this association extends over the breadth of the land and its membership numbers men who are distinguished in all countries for their scientific researches along every conceivable line. Practically all branches of science is included in the ten sections making up the association, as follows: Mathematics, astronomy, physics, chemistry, mechanical science and engineering, geology and zoography, zoology, botany, anthropology, social and economic science, and physiology and experimental medicine.

Collateral Bodies.

Twenty-two scientific bodies the offspring of the greatest of the scientific associations, will meet in conjunction with the parent organization. They are: The American Anthropological Association, American Chemical Society, American Folk-lore Society, American Microscopical Society, American Morphological Society, American Philosophical Association, American Physical Society, American Physiological Society, American Psychological Association, American Society of Naturalists, Association of American Anatomists, Association of Economic Entomologists, Astronomical and Astrophysical Society of America, Botanical Society of America, Botanists of the Central and Western States, Geological Society of America, the National Geographic Society, Naturalists of the Central States, Society of American Bacteriologists, Society for Plant Morphology and Physiology, Society for the Promotion of Agricultural Science, Zoologists of the Central and Western States.

Origin of Association.

The American Association for the Advancement of Science is the outgrowth of the Association of American Geologists, which was organized in 1840, in Philadelphia, with Edward Hitchcock, president of Amherst College, as chairman. Twenty-two members were enrolled at the beginning, which had increased to seventy-seven when, two years later, the name was changed to the Association of American Geologists and Naturalists. The first meeting of the society under its present name was held at Philadelphia in 1848. There were then 161 members, only about two-thirds of the number Washington alone can now boast. Of the total present membership of 3,474, Washington has 7 per cent, or 243.

But few meetings of the association have been held at the National Capital, and on that account the members are looking forward to the approaching sessions with great interest. The fifth meeting of the society before the change to the present name was held here in 1844, though the present organization first met in Washington in 1854. That was the eighth annual session. There were no meetings in the civil war period. The next to be held in Washington was the fortieth annual, which met here August 19, 1891, when the association had a membership of 2,054. This was the last of the local meetings. It is expected the fifty-second meeting, to convene tomorrow, will attract the greatest enrollment of the membership in the history of the association.

The executive committee meeting will be held at the Cosmos Club at noon tomorrow. The opening session of the association will be held at the Lafayette Theater at 10 a. m. Monday. The general daily sessions will be held at 10 a. m., in the main lecture room of the Columbian University, and the different sections, together with the affiliated bodies, will meet in the various lecture rooms of the Columbian University.

INSURANCE COMPANY PAYS BROKERS' LICENSE

The District Commissioners have received from Arthur H. O'Connor, Assistant Corporation Counsel, an opinion upon the communication of the manager of the National Trust Company of America, in which he instructs the Board that the company is liable for a license as brokers under the law. This company several days ago applied to the Commissioners for information on the subject, submitting a letter and several papers setting forth the objects and purposes of the business in which it is engaged.

FOR HOUSE OF MERCY.

A musical tea will be held on December 29, from 4 to 7, at the New Willard, for the benefit of the House of Mercy. It will be in charge of Miss Gwyn and Mrs. Ackley. Reginald De Koven will accompany two of his own songs. John Fox will read a selection from a novel, which will soon appear. Mr. Rummel will play the violin. Mrs. J. C. Fremont and Miss Harlan are to sing. The name of Thomas Nelson Page, with many others that are attractive, appears on the program. Ten pieces of the Marine Band will play from 5 to 7 o'clock. Tea will be served by Mrs. Eugene Hale, Mrs. Gordon-Cumming, Mrs. Leonard Wood, and Miss Kean, with the assistance of some thirty of the most prominent young ladies in society.

MET AT NOON TO TOAST HIGH OFFICIAL

Annual Custom Observed by
Local Knights Templar.

The five Washington commanderies of Knights Templar observed the usual custom yesterday of holding meetings at noon. Washington Commandery, No. 1, met at Sautter's restaurant, on Ninth Street northwest; Columbia Commandery at Fred & Brockway's restaurant, Seventh and G Streets northwest; while Potomac, No. 3; De Molay, No. 4, and Orient, No. 5, gathered at their respective asylums.

The subordinate commanderies were each visited by Grand Commander George E. Corson, escorted by several officials of his staff. The visits of the grand commander were first to Potomac Commandery and afterward in turn to Washington, De Molay, Columbia, and Orient Commanderies.

At these meetings, as elsewhere, throughout the jurisdiction, the anniversary toast to the grand master was drunk. The reply by Grand Master Henry B. Stodger was also read. Other exercises at the several commanderies were as follows:

At Washington Commandery Past Eminent Commander Thomas P. Morgan presided. He referred to the serious illness of the mother of the eminent commander, Fred W. Behrens, and a silent toast was drunk to her recovery. The eminent commander replied fittingly. Past Grand Commander Harrison Dingman paid a tribute to the grand master of Templars. Grand Commander Corson then arrived and there was a toast to him, to which he responded. Past Commander W. L. Parke spoke on "Templar Masonry." There were also short speeches by Knight F. Frost, of Baltimore; Past Commander Jesse F. Grant, Col. E. B. Atwood, of the regular army, and others. A toast to the health of Sir Knight William E. Amin, now at Princeton, Ark., was given.

At Columbia Commandery the attendance was the largest. Eminent Commander Alex Grant presided. The toast "Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States," was responded to by W. E. Andrews, ex-Representative from Nebraska. The Grand Encampment of the U. S. A. by Past Commander C. W. Hancock, "The Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia," by Past Commander W. B. Pettus; "The Grand Chapter of the District," by Grand High Priest Harry Standiford; "The Grand Commandery," by Grand Commander George E. Corson; "Our Sister Commanderies of This and Other Jurisdictions," by Past Grand Commander Harrison Dingman; Past Commander Walter H. Klotzler; Grand Master of Masons George H. Walker, and others also spoke briefly.

At Potomac Commandery Eminent Commander J. S. Rasmus presided. The grand commander is a member of this commandery, and special emphasis was laid on the ceremony attending his visit. At De Molay Commandery Past Commander W. T. Gallier presided. Orient Commandery, the last visited by the grand commander, was presided over by E. B. Hesse.

UNUSUAL INTEREST IN ALMAS TEMPLE ELECTION

Messrs. Gude and Behrens Engaged In
Hot Fight for Office of Potentate.

Unusual interest is manifested in the annual election of officers of Almas Temple, which takes place Tuesday evening next at the National Rifles Armory. Several important changes are to be made in the official staff and active campaigns are being conducted on behalf of the aspirants to the offices. Frank K. Raymond has served two terms as potentate, and in accordance with custom will refuse further honors. The office of recorder, which has been occupied by George H. Walker for the past twelve years, will also be vacated, as Mr. Walker has been elected grand master of the Grand Lodge and has not time to devote to the duties of both positions.

The avowed candidates for the office of potentate are William F. Gude, president of the Business Men's Association, and Fred Behrens. Both candidates are developing strength and the contest promises to be an interesting one. Even greater activity has developed in the contest for recorder. In this fight Frank A. Seabring is pitted against Harrison Dingman. Mr. Seabring is one of the younger members of the Temple, and is financial officer of the Police Court. Mr. Dingman is past potentate of North America, and was at one time potentate of Almas Temple.

LEGS BROKEN BY A FALL.

John D. Wood, a young white man, fell down a flight of stairs at the Tremont Hotel yesterday and had both legs broken. He is at the Emergency Hospital.

ORPHAN ASYLUM TOTS PASS HAPPY CHRISTMAS

Interesting Exercises Held
in the Chapel.

The spirit of Christmas reached its height in the Washington City Orphan Asylum last evening, when the 140 children in the home celebrated the day with a festival. The exercises took place in the chapel, which was prettily decorated for the occasion with evergreens.

On the platform of the chapel, a great arch had been erected, and was so arranged to carry out the picture of Bethlehem. A novel effect was introduced while the children were singing "Star of Promise." There appeared in the sky above the city a huge star, representing the title of the song. A heavily-laden Christmas tree stood on either side of the arch.

The entertainment was in charge of Lucius D. Allen, one of the assistants in the Sunday school. An excellent program had been arranged, consisting of recitations, songs, motion exercises and emblem exercises by members of the school. They were assisted by Edward F. Muth, pianist, and directed by Ella Butler and Mrs. Katie Phillips. The scripture lesson for the evening was read by Dr. J. G. Butler, of Luther Memorial Church. Among the songs that were sung by the entire school were: "There is Joy," "Do You Know the Angels' Story?" "Star of Promise," "Christmas Light," "The Music of the Bells," "The Manger's Treasure," and "On This Holy Christmas Day."

Previous to the entertainment, the little ones enjoyed a substantial dinner. Many delicacies were added to the menu by Mrs. S. W. Woodward.

CONDEMNED NEGRO WISHED A MERRY CHRISTMAS

John Sinclair, under sentence of death, to be executed on December 30, spent his last Christmas on earth in his cell at the jail. He was wished a merry Christmas by the warden on his rounds yesterday and quietly returned the salutation. Sinclair was found guilty of murder in the first degree at his trial in October. He shot Daisy Maddox last March in A. B. C. Alley.

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED.

Stephen C. Wright and Grace R. Noyes, both of New York city.
Jesse J. Bryant and Cora Trell, both of Staunton, Va.
William A. Johnson and Blanche W. Carter, both of Charles county, Md.
Frank Fish Rogers, of District of Columbia, and Frances Dudley Starbuck, of Glenn Falls, N. Y.
William Henry Hunter and Estella Young.
H. M. Roberts, Henderson, Ky., and L. G. Allen, Prince Edward county, Va.
Arthur T. S. Bortner, Glen Rock, Pa., and Deulah M. Earhart, Seitzland, Pa.
John L. Minor and Annie E. Wovkins.
McKee Dunn McKee and Henrietta Bates.
Peter H. Scott and Ada F. Medley.
Thomas Johnson and Mary Johnson, both of Prince George county, Md.

THE DEATH RECORD.

The following deaths for forty-eight hours were reported at the Health Department up to noon today:
William Gibson, 79 years.
Henry Moorman, 74 years.
Armsted Holmes, 74 years.
Fanny C. Burden, 66 years.
John Hauler, 61 years.
John H. Pendergrass, 58 years.
William H. Shelton, 55 years.
Elizabeth Page, 51 years.
Janie E. Brown, 50 years.
James Brown, 25 years.
Emily G. Meloy, 23 years.
Rosa Taylor, 20 years.
Annie E. Bateman, 20 years.
Eugene Durcan, 20 years.
Mary L. Dagnon, 5 years.
Elsie Norman, 1 year.
Pearl Shortt, 1 month.
Infant of Jack and May Holt, 18 days.

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OPPOSED TO SALE OF BUTTERINE CARS

Receivers Hope Company
Will Soon Be Reorganized.

The offer of a Chicago firm to purchase thirty of the refrigerator cars of the Standard Butterine Company, which went into the hands of receivers last fall, has revived the subject of the reorganization of the company. F. L. Siddons, attorney for the receivers, favors the sale of the cars, and is sustained by the court, which announced that unless satisfactory steps toward the reorganization of the Butterine Company are taken before December 30, an order will be signed authorizing the sale of twenty of the refrigerator cars.

Attorney Wilton J. Lambert, representing the board of directors of the Standard Butterine Company, opposed the sale of the refrigerator cars on the ground that the plans of reorganization of the company have taken such shape as to warrant the belief that after the annual meeting, January 17 next, operations will be resumed. At that time, he said, if the plans of the directors materialize, the company will have a working capital of \$50,000, and the indebtedness will be so secured that there will be no reason to fear embarrassment from any source.

Mr. Lambert said the total indebtedness of the company is \$199,000, and that the available assets, exclusive of the value of the plant, is \$95,000. Arrangements have been made with the creditors, he said, to take a percentage of the amounts due them and a pledge of bonds to secure the balance. Mr. Lambert said about \$40,000 has already been subscribed for this issue of bonds by the stockholders of the company and others.

HOTEL CLERKS HAVE QUIET CHRISTMAS DAY

The overworked hotel clerk—as he is wont to term himself—had an easy day yesterday. The hotels were universally deserted, even by the regulars. Every one who had a home made it a point to have his dinner in the bosom of his family, while those who dwell in single blessedness managed to get an invitation to share the Christmas cheer of some friend who is a benedict.

The festive traveling man, who makes Washington his headquarters, had gone home; the buyer and the local merchant and the casual visitor—all who populate Washington caravansaries were missing, and the roomy halls and vaulted corridors of the hotels echoed to the footfalls of the bellboys and porters only.

Washingtonians, after all, are domestic, in a measure, and it takes only a general festival like the gladsome Yuletide to demonstrate it. For those who were unfortunate enough to be obliged to be at the hotels over Christmas, elaborate menus were provided. From the humble tavern to the palatial hotel, special fare was served, ranging in magnitude from the conventional turkey dinner to a feast in a score of courses. Several hotels had a special menu card, which was given to the guest as a souvenir.

In the evening at the several hotels, little dinner parties were held. But there was little life in the hotels, and dullness and emptiness reigned supreme. Christmas was observed at home.

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- \$30 Overcoats, \$15.
- \$20 Overcoats, \$10.
- \$10 Overcoats, \$5.
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POLICE WITHOUT CLUE IN JORDON MURDER CASE

George Brown Still Held by
the Authorities.

George Brown, known as the "Lieutenant" in connection with the fortune-telling business of Kate Jordan, who was murdered in her Anacostia home Wednesday evening, has not given a satisfactory answer to inquiries concerning his movements on that afternoon. He is held at the First precinct station, pending further investigation of the tragedy.

Brown answers the meager description given by three girls of the man seen running from the woman's house toward the river about the time of the murder. He was an intimate friend of Mrs. Jordan, and was frequently a visitor at her home. It is said he was familiar with her business affairs.

Search is being made for a young negro who applied for and was refused lodging at the Jordan home Sunday night. His description was furnished by Dave Smith, who had a room in the house.

A relative of Mrs. Jordan said that she "read Kate's fate" in the oracle of the tea leaves a year ago Christmas Day. This woman and other relatives say they often warned Mrs. Jordan that she was in danger of being killed.

The weapon used in the murder, a large dagger, may furnish a clue. It was found in the front doorway of the house.

William West, another negro, asserts that on Wednesday evening, about the time the murder was committed, he saw a man running toward Anacostia Bridge. He says he thought the man was out after Christmas chickens.

The body of Mrs. Jordan is at the morgue. An inquest will be deferred until further investigations are made. Mrs. Jordan's relatives will take charge of the body. Her uncle, Daniel Murray, is assistant librarian in the House of Representatives. Her aunt, Mrs. Kate Proctor, of Baltimore, was her partner in real estate holdings in this city, and Mrs. Proctor's son is Mrs. Jordan's heir.

A reward of \$100 has been offered by Major Sylvester for the arrest of the murder.

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